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Each member of the GBS Radio Team is a volunteer giving of their time as they are able to the various aspects of the work.

They include the production and presentation of "Discovery"; recording of speakers; preparation and production of the booklets; maintenance of the website; studio and technical development; publicity and deputation; listener follow-up; general administration and contact with radio stations.

These are ongoing commitments in order to keep "Discovery" on the air week by week and to produce the booklets to send to listeners and others.

Pray for the health and spiritual vitality of each team member as they serve the Lord in this way often alongside many other church and business responsibilities.

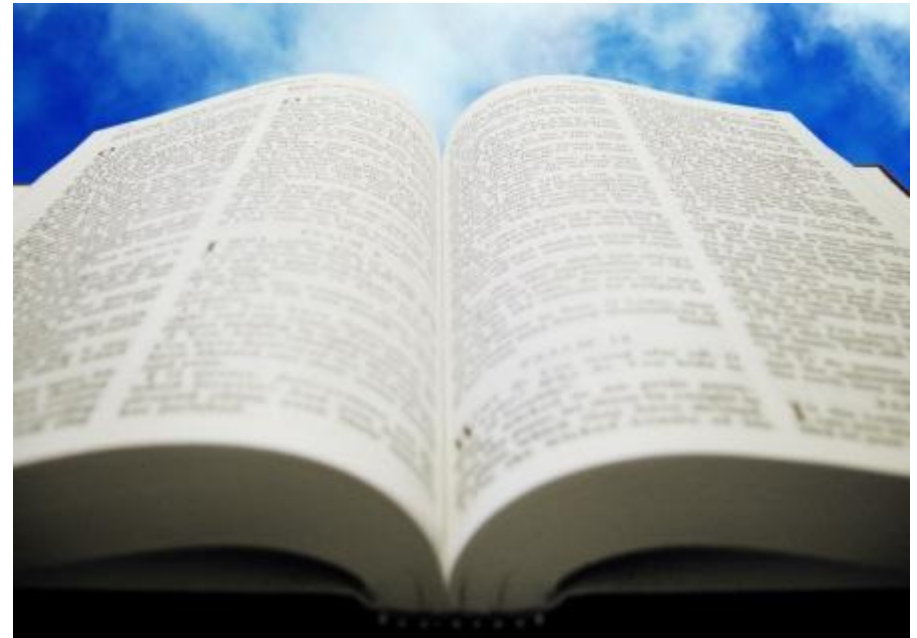
**"Discovery" is the quarterly newsletter of The Gospel Broadcasting System Ltd.
(GBS Radio)**

"Proclaiming Christ, Redeemer and Lord, by radio"

Discover

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"

(2 Timothy 3:16)



Through broadcasting and literature helping our listeners to discover the meaning and the message of the Bible.

Welcome

Welcome to the first "Discover" newsletter of a new year. In the will of the Lord 2012 will see GBS completing fifty-six years of broadcasting the Good News. There are a few faithful supporters who have been with us all that time! But even if you are a new prayer warrior or have been with us for a shorter time, we want to thank you for staying with us. It is through your prayers and support that this work has prospered under the hand of our great God.

2012 will present us with challenges and opportunities and we ask you to pray for the team as decisions are made.

Programme Guide

Broadcasts of "Discovery" you can hear in the UK:

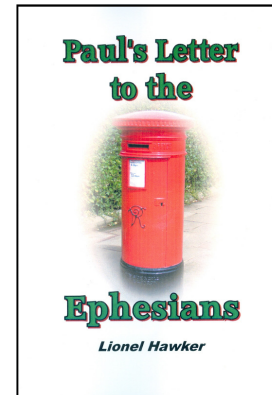
Trans World Radio UK - Saturdays at 7.55am on Sky Channel 0138 and Free Sat channel 790 to UK, Ireland, Europe, on DAB Digital Radio in N. W. England, and worldwide on their website at www.twr.org.uk

Flame CCR (Wirral) Monday to Friday at 9.15 am on 1521 medium wave.

Other broadcasts:

To Southern & East Africa via TWR Africa on short wave, FM and satellite, and the Internet

To West Africa over TWR Benin on medium wave.



"DISCOVERY" BOOKLETS

To encourage our listeners in the understanding and study of the Scriptures, the scripts of the talks given on the "Discovery" programme are produced in booklet form.

A new addition to the booklets is a section containing questions for further study and for discussion in small groups.

The booklet on Ephesians is now available and the current series on the Letter of James will be available from February.

If you would like copies of these booklets they cost just £3 each including p&p.

Back numbers of the following studies (without questions) are also available at just £2.50 each:

Studies in Judges by Arthur Howe

Romans (2 booklets) by Derek Lindley

"Amos a man with a message" by Derek Lindley

"Aspects of Loneliness" by Alan Morrell

"Parables of Jesus" by Jim Waterworth

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Power Page!

If you are not already among those who pray for the ministry of GBS **every day**, will you consider joining this company of faithful intercessors in 2012?

It is the power of prayer accompanying the teaching of God's word that brings fruit and blessing. As a team we need your faithful support in this way as we will be seeking to carry the work forward and reach out to more listeners in this new year.

SUNDAYS: At 7 p.m. local time Trans World Radio, Benin, will be broadcasting "Discovery" to the nations of Ghana and Nigeria as well as other West African countries within range of this powerful Medium Wave station. Pray for the blessing of the Lord on the teaching of his Word.

MONDAYS: Pray for our Bible teachers as they prepare and present their talks for "Discovery". They are Ken Baker, Barry Cunningham, Arthur Howe, John Isherwood and Derek Lindley. On the air at present are "Studies in James' Letter" by John Isherwood, and a repeated series "Handling Life's Problems" by Barry Cunningham.

TUESDAYS: Remember the GBS Team as they need to make important decisions concerning the future direction of the work. Pray also for new workers who can join us to help fulfil the Lord's plans for GBS in the days ahead.

WEDNESDAYS: "Discovery" talks are available on the Internet in both text form on the GBS website (www.gbsradio.org.uk) and to listen to on You Tube. The full programme is broadcast simultaneously with the radio transmissions by TWR UK and TWR Africa so making it available worldwide. Pray that many will find these various channels and be blessed.

THURSDAYS: Please pray that during these financially constrained times the necessary support will come in so that we can sustain the present ministry. The stations we use also look to the Lord to supply their needs in operating powerful radio transmitters. Our monthly broadcasting costs are around £750 at present.

FRIDAYS: Continue to pray for the booklet ministry. Pray that the new "Study Helps" included will be a blessing.

SATURDAYS: Pray for the "Discovery" broadcasts every Saturday morning by both TWR UK and TWR Africa. The programme is also heard at other times in Africa.



EMMAUS BIBLE SCHOOL PROJECT

Progress on our project to install a recording facility and office at the Emmaus Bible School in Eastham on the Wirral is progressing, albeit rather slowly. This is due to several factors including some short and longer term situations that need to be considered as well as time constraints on the team. All team meetings are now held in the room made available to us and some items of equipment moved from the Birkenhead studio (which remains in use). We have been offered a better room by the folks at "Emmaus" and investigations are ongoing with regard to a removable recording booth for that room. Please pray that we will now be able to move forward on this project for which finances are in hand and have been offered.

"DISCOVERY" PROGRAMME SUBJECTS

Ken Baker's series on "Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles" looks at Paul's life and missionary journeys and draws out teaching on the early church and practical issues of Christian witness. This thirteen programme series will be broadcast from March 2012.

Derek Lindley's series on Peter's Letters has been recorded and programmes are due to be produced. Derek is also preparing a series on "Hosea."



Focus on Malawi



Malawi is in Southern Africa, east of Zambia.



Geography:

The size of Malawi is 118,480 sq. km. The terrain is made up of a narrow elongated plateau with rolling plains, rounded hills, and some mountains. Lake Malawi, some 580 km long, is the country's most prominent physical feature. The climate is sub-tropical; with a rainy season (November to May); and a dry season (May to November). The lowest point in Malawi is at the junction of the Shire River and the border of Mozambique, at 37m above sea level. The highest point is Sapitwa the highest peak on the Mulanje Mountain which stands at 3,002 m. Malawi is a landlocked country.

Population:

Just over 13 million people live in Malawi. Life expectancy is around 41 years. Birth rate is on average 5.9 per woman. 14% of the population is believed to have HIV/AIDS. Literacy rate is just over 62%.

Languages:

Chichewa 57.2% (official), Chinyanja 12.8%, Chiyao 10.1%, Chitumbuka 9.5%, Chisena 2.7%, Chilomwe 2.4%, Chitonga 1.7%, and other 3.6%. English is also an official language and is very widely spoken, particularly in main towns, but sometimes also in remote rural areas.

Ethnic Groups:

Chewa, Nyanja, Tumbuka, Yao, Lomwe, Sena, Tonga, Ngoni, Ngonde, Asian, and European.

Religion:

Christian 79.9% Muslim 12.8% Other 3% None 4.3%

"Discovery" is heard in Malawi on Sunday and Tuesday evenings over TWR FM in Lilongwe and on two satellite radio channels. It is also heard on Saturday mornings on satellite and on short wave from TWR Swaziland.

We have had listeners write to us from Blantyre, Dedza, Lilongwe, Limbe, Luchenza, Mchinji, Monkey Bay, Mzimba and Ntchisi.

From Lilongwe:

"Thank you very much for your programme which is aired on TWR. May the Lord bless you whenever you broadcast your programmes. Please sir, give me one of your booklets from the "Discovery" series on the Ten Commandments. I am looking forward for it. I have a team of open air evangelists and we preach from village to village."

"Discovery please send me the series on the parables of Jesus. This will help me in evangelising my area. Thank you TWR for your great choices in programmes and Discovery for your subjects and speakers."

From Limbe:

"I was very happy to listen to your programme on the Ten Commandments. I used to belong to a church which was founded on Mosaic Law and they did not recognise the New Testament saying that it was flawed. I quit that sect in 2009 and became a born again Christian. We used to wear robes and have a beard. Your book will help me to reach out to my friends and help them to understand the Word of God."

From Ntchisi:

"A while ago a friend gave me a "Discovery" Bible study booklet. I would like to receive the booklets myself because there is a lot of good things in them that will help keep the Spirit burning in my heart. I have also heard that you publish a booklet about Job's sufferings. Please send me this booklet also."